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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: DIRECT REDUCTION MINI-STEEL MILL

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1. PLEASE INFORM PULLMAN-SWINDELL CORP THAT GOS
MIN OF INDUSTRY HAS NO PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL
MILL.

2. COMMENT: IRON ORE DEPOSIT OF 14 MILLION TONS
WITH AVERAGE CONTENT OF 40-50 PERCENT FE EXISTS IN
RED SEA PROVINCE. PRODUCTION OF 300,000 TO 400,000
TONS PER YEAR POSSIBLE ACCORDING TO PRIVATE REPORTS.
AS SUDAN EXPLORES AND DEVELOPS MINERALS POTENTIAL
(KHARTOUM A-87), INTEREST WILL LIKELY BE GENERATED
IN MINERALS PROCESSING FACILITIES. HOWEVER, GOS
PRESENTLY GIVING PRIORITY TO AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY
WITH AGRICULTURAL INPUTS. THUS, WE BELIEVE STEEL
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT NOT LIKELY WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL YEARS
AND IN ANY CASE GOS LIKELY SEEK DEVELOP IRON ORE EXPORT
CAPABILITY BEFORE GETTING INTO STEEL FABRICATION.
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